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Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY UP DATE ON THE PROPOSED SALE OF F-18-L'S TO IRAN?

A. THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS NO.

Q. THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED OUT OF ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, WHICH HAS A PECULIAR RELATIONSHIP TO ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, WHICH I WILL EXPLAIN IN A MINUTE. BUT, IT SAYS THAT THE ARAB BOYCOTT CONFERENCE CONSIDERS THE FREE AND ACCEPTED ORDER OF MASONS AS SPONSORING A ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND THEY WANT THE ARAB NATIONS TO BAN MASONIC LODGES, TO CLOSE THE BRANCHES EVERYWHERE.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT? THIS IS VERY STRANGE BECAUSE ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA HAS THE NATIONAL MONUMENT THAT GEORGE WASHINGTON SET UP BY THE MASONS AND THE MONEY, OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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GREENBACKS, HAVE WASHINGTON'S PICTURE AND JACKSON'S PICTURE AND THEY WERE MASONS. I SUPPOSE THE ARABS AREN'T SAYING THEY ARE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT MONEY THAT HAS JACKSON'S PICTURE ON THE TWENTY DOLLAR BILL OR IS IT THE

TEN DOLLAR BILL?

A. THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON IT.

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING WITH ME TODAY TO UPDATE THAT.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE FAILURE OF PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE BEGIN OF ISRAEL TO GET THE DMC MOVEMENT INTO THE COALITION.

A. NO.

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